

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 3276–3317; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59–60; H. Con. Res. 209; and H. Res. 362–363 were introduced. **Pages H5912–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5914–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1905, to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land (H. Rept. 109–169, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1442, to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, “Shipping”, as positive law, amended (H. Rept. 109–170); and

H.R. 1461, to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 109–171, Pt. 1). **Page H5912**

Energy Policy Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Capps motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, which was debated yesterday, July 13, by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 373. **Page H5807**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Barton of Texas, Hall, Bilirakis, Upton, Stearns, Gillmor, Shimkus, Shadegg, Pickering, Blunt, Bass, Dingell, Waxman, Markey, Boucher, Stupak, Wynn, and Ms. Solis; Provided that Mrs. Capps is appointed in lieu of Mr. Wynn for consideration of secs. 1501–1506 of the House bill, and secs. 221 and 223–225 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 332, 344, 346, 1701, 1806, 2008, 2019, 2024, 2029, and 2030 of the House bill, and secs. 251–253, 264, 303, 319, 342, 343, 345, and 347 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Goodlatte, Lucas, and Peterson of Minnesota; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of secs. 104, 231, 601–607, 609–612, and 661 of the House bill, and secs. 104, 281, 601–607, 609, 610, 625, 741–743, 1005, and 1006 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to

conference: Messrs. Hunter, Weldon of Pennsylvania, and Skelton; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 121, 632, 640, 2206, and 2209 of the House bill, and secs. 625, 1103, 1104, and 1106 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Norwood, Sam Johnson of Texas, and Kind; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 141–149 of the House bill, and secs. 161–164 and 505 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Oxley, Ney, and Ms. Waters; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 102, 104, 105, 203, 205, 502, 624, 632, 701, 704, 1002, 1227, and 2304 of the House bill, and secs. 102, 104, 105, 108, 203, 502, 625, 701–703, 723–725, 741–743, 939, and 1011 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Tom Davis of Virginia, Issa, and Ms. Watson; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 320, 377, 612, 625, 632, 663, 665, 1221, 1265, 1270, 1283, 1442, 1502, and 2208 of the House bill, and secs. 137, 211, 328, 384, 389, 625, 1221, 1264, 1269, 1270, 1275, 1280, and 1402 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Sensenbrenner, Chabot, and Conyers; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 204, 231, 330, 344, 346, 355, 358, 377, 379, Title V, secs. 969–976, 1701, 1702, Title XVIII, secs. 1902, 2001–2019, 2022–2031, 2033, 2041, 2042, 2051–2055, Title XXI, Title XXII, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 241–245, 252, 253, 261–270, 281, 311–317, 319–323, 326, 327, 342–346, 348, 371, 387, 391, 411–414, 416, and 501–506 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Pombo, Mrs. Cubin, and Mr. Rahall; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of sec. 713 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Dreier, Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida, and Ms. Slaughter; **Page H5809**

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 108, 126, 205, 209, 302, 401–404, 411, 416, 441, 601–607, 609–612, 631, 651, 652, 661, 711, 712, 721–724, 731, 741–744, 751, 754, 757, 759, 801–811, Title IX, secs. 1002, 1225–1227, 1451, 1452, 1701, 1820, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 125, 126, 142, 212, 230–232, 251–253, 302, 318, 327, 346, 401–407, 415, 503,

601–607, 609, 610, 624, 631–635, 706, 721, 722, 725, 731, 734, 751, 752, 757, 801, Title IX, Title X, secs. 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1224, Title XIV, secs. 1601, 1602, and 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Boehlert, Mrs. Biggert, and Mr. Gordon; Provided that Mr. Costello is appointed in lieu of Mr. Gordon for consideration of secs. 401–404, 411, 416, and 441 of the House bill, and secs. 401–407 and 415 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; **Pages H5809–10**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 101–103, 105, 108, 109, 137, 205, 208, 231, 241, 242, 320, 328–330, 377, 379, 721–724, 741–744, 751, 755, 756, 758, 811, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1234, 1236, 1241, 1281–1283, 1285, 1295, 1442, 1446, 2008, 2010, 2026, 2029, 2030, 2207, and 2210 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103, 105, 107, 108, 281, 325, 344, 345, 383, 731–733, 752, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1261, 1263, 1266, and 1291 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Young of Alaska, Petri, and Oberstar; and **Page H5810**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of Title XIII of the House bill, and secs. 135, 405, Title XV, and sec. 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Thomas, Camp, and Rangel.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, July 13:

Condemning the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005: H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 375; and **Pages H5808–09**

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring the veterans of WWII: H. Con. Res. 191, amended, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 379. **Pages H5880–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the War in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War. **Page H5881**

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure, which was debated on Wednesday, July 13:

East Asia Security Act of 2005: H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People’s Republic of China, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 374. **Pages H5807–08**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the London bombings and in support of the British people. **Page H5808**

Water Resources Development Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 378. **Pages H5810–80**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H5879–80**

Agreed to:

Duncan amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that makes a number of technical and conforming changes to project-related provisions, and authorizes or modifies additional projects brought to the Committee’s attention; **Pages H5863–69**

Menendez amendment (no. 2. printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that provides an authorization for the environmental restoration project in Liberty State Park, New Jersey, contingent on a favorable Chief’s report being issued prior to December 31, 2005; **Pages H5869–70**

Stupak amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that directs the Secretary of the Army Corps to budget and request appropriations for operation and maintenance of harbor dredging projects based only upon criteria used for such projects in FY04; and **Pages H5870–72**

Kind amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that adds a new provision requiring the Secretary to make an annual report to Congress on whether lock and dam construction and ecosystem restoration projects are being carried out at comparable rates. **Pages H5876–78**

Rejected:

Rohrabacher amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that sought to allow U.S. ports to levy a container or tonnage fee on imports (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 376); and **Pages H5872–73, H5878–79**

Flake amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that sought to amend the Mississippi River-Illinois Water Way Project to allow construction of locks and dams if certain requirements are met (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 377). **Pages H5873–76, H5879**

H. Res. 346, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, July 13.

Privileged Senate Message: The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the papers accompanying H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2006. **Page H5810**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18 for morning hour debate, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday July 19. **Page H5910**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 20. **Page H5882**

Celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our nation: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 355, celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our nation. **Pages H5883–84**

Agreed to the Tom Davis of Virginia amendment to the preamble. **Page H5884**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a report providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Service and Palestinian Authority reform—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc.109–44). **Page H5910**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5803 and H5910.

Senate Referrals: S. 1395 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5807, H5808, H5808–09, H5878–79, H5879, H5880 and H5880–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/FOREST SERVICE NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management/

Forest Service National Fire Plan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mary Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service; Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and Bruce D. McDowell, Fellow National Academy of Public Administration.

MID-SESSION REVIEW BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005.

STATE HIGH RISK POOL FUNDING EXTENSION ACT; PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3204, State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; and H.R. 3205, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD—ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “One Year Later: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Project BioShield.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; John Vitko, Jr., Director, Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Secretary's Second-Stage Review: Rethinking the Department of Homeland Security's Organization and Policy Direction.” Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.